

IV. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. – 11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor, used in a compressor in which a fluid is compressed,

wherein said compressor has a cylinder block and a valve plate, said cylinder block comprises a cylinder bore,

wherein said gasket is arranged between the cylinder block and the valve plate, said gasket comprising: and having

a raised portion rising so as to surround a sealed portion the cylinder bore,
wherein:

an end of said raised portion toward an inner edge and a base surface of said gasket are ~~not set on a single~~ different planes;

said raised portion includes a flat surface positioned at a point with a height differing from the height of said base surface and an inclined surface with a predetermined angle of inclination, which ~~links~~ is connected to said flat surface with said base surface;

said inner edge of said flat surface forms a through hole that communicates with the cylinder bore; and

an outer edge of said flat surface does not have a shape similar to the shape of and said inner edge are other than circular and different in shape.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 12, wherein:

said outer edge of said flat surface in the entirety thereof comes in contact with an intake valve and only a specific portion of said inner edge comes in contact with said intake valve.

15. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 14, wherein:

said specific portion corresponds to a connecting base portion of a lead portion of said intake valve.

16. (Currently Amended) A gasket for a compressor, used in a compressor in which a fluid is compressed, having a raised portion rising so as to surround a sealed portion and disposed between a valve plate and a cylinder head, wherein:

an end of said raised portion toward an inner edge and a base surface of said gasket are ~~not positioned on a single~~ different planes; and

said raised portion is disposed so as to seal at least a high/low pressure barrier wall and an atmospheric pressure barrier wall,

said raised portion includes a flat surface positioned at a point with a height differing from the height of said base surface and an inclined surface with a predetermined angle of inclination, which links said flat surface with said base surface; and

an outer edge of said flat surface ~~does not have a shape similar to the shape of~~ said inner edge are other than circular and different in shape;

said inclined surface is disposed so as to come in contact with said high/low pressure barrier wall or said atmospheric pressure barrier wall.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 16, wherein:

a retainer portion for regulating an operation of a discharge valve is included.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 12, wherein:
in said compressor, carbon dioxide is compressed.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 14, wherein:
in said compressor, carbon dioxide is compressed.

23. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 15, wherein:
in said compressor, carbon dioxide is compressed.

24. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 16, wherein:
in said compressor, carbon dioxide is compressed.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 18, wherein:
in said compressor, carbon dioxide is compressed.

27. (Previously Presented) A gasket for a compressor according to claim 19, wherein:
in said compressor, carbon dioxide is compressed.